GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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AIR RAIDS ON YUGOSLAVIA
HARIBHAU MAHALE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reaction of the Union Government to the recent unilateral air raids by NATO on Yugoslavia;

(b) whether the Government propose to bring a resolution to condemn these air raids at international fora;

(c) if so, the details therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for the safety of the Indians residing in Yugoslavia?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

a) The Government`s reactions to the air raids on Yugoslavia were made known through its statements of March 24 and 25, 1999 and subsequent pronouncements. The air raids were terminated in June 1999 by UN Security Council Resolution 1244 which had the consent of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

b&c) Does not arise.

d) Government had taken all necessary steps to ensure the safety and security of Indian nationals in Yugoslavia during the air raids. Our Ambassador in Belgrade remained in constant touch with the Indian community. The Indian community as well as personnel of the Indian Embassy were safe and secure.